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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. AT OCTOBER 16 PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN, SPANISH PERMREP DE PINIES SAID THAT SPAIN ACCEPTS ICJ OPINION WHICH FITS IN PERFECTLY WITH SPAIN'S VIEWS. SPAIN BELIEVES SAHARA MUST CHOOSE ITS FUTURE BY SELF-DETERMINATION. SPAIN IS NOT DELAYING: IF GENERAL ASSEMBLY WISHES, IT CAN PUT END TO SPAIN'S PRESENCE IN SAHARA IMMEDIATELY. SPAIN REMAINS THERE ONLY BECAUSE IT HAS OBLIGATION TO SEE A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, DE PINIES SAID HE DID NOT THINK "PEACEFUL MARCH" BY MOROCCANS WOULD HAPPEN; IF IT DID, HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED SYG WALDHEIM AS TO HOW SPAIN WOULD REACT. HE NOTED THAT IF SITUATION DETERIORATED, SPAIN WOULD MOVE OUT OF TERRITORY, BUT GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ACTION, AND TELL THE SC TO USE FORCE IF THEY WISHED.

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3. WHEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT SPAIN WOULD DO, DE PINIES REPLIED THAT SPAIN WOULD CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN IT CAME TO IT. HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MOROCCO COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL GA ACTED ON ICJ'S OPINION. HE REITERATED REPEATEDLY THAT IF MOROCCO ACTED UNILATERALLY, HE WOULD GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. "WE WON'T BE LIKE SITTING DOGS".

4. DE PINIES CALCULATED THAT BY 1980, AN INDEPENDENT SAHARA WILL HAVE PHOSPHATE RESOURCES WORTH \$800 MILLION. BECAUSE SPAIN WISHES TO LEAVE SAHARA WITH PEACE AND HONOR, IT WOULD LEAVE THIS BEHIND, HOPING TO RECOVER ITS INVESTMENTS.  
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